

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pillow, comprising:

a foam main-body,

a plurality of foam projections extending off of said foam main-body, said projections being in first and second groups which define different support characteristic zones, and wherein said pillow has a maximum height in a central region of said pillow, and said pillow is formed as a monolithic, visco-elastic foam body.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (original): The pillow of claim 1, wherein said pillow includes a first row of cylindrical foam projections and a second row of cylindrical foam projections and a top surface of the cylindrical projections in the first row have a larger radius than top surfaces of the cylindrical projections in the second row.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A pillow, comprising:

a foam main-body,

a plurality of foam projections extending off of said foam main-body, said projections being in first and second groups which define different support characteristic zones, and wherein said pillow has a maximum height in a central region of said pillow, wherein said pillow includes

a first row of cylindrical foam projections and a second row of cylindrical foam projections and a top surface of the cylindrical projections in the first row have a larger radius than top surfaces of the cylindrical projections in the second row, and ~~The pillow of claim 3 wherein said pillow is formed entirely of visco-elastic foam.~~

Claim 7 (original): The pillow of claim 1 wherein said first group of projections include multiple rows of a first size projection and said second group of projections include multiple rows of a second size projection.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (original): The pillow of claim 7 wherein said first group of multiple rows of projections include a pair of laterally spread apart longitudinally extending rows of projections in a central region of the surface of said foam main-body, and wherein said second group of multiple rows of projections include a pair of longitudinally extending rows of projections that are positioned to opposite lateral sides of the pair of the longitudinally extending rows of the projections of said first group in the central region.

Claim 10 (original): The pillow of claim 9 wherein the projections of said first group are smaller in volume than the projections of said second group.

Claim 11 (original): The pillow of claim 10 wherein the projections within said first group are of a common size and configuration within said first group, and wherein the projections within said second group are of a common size and configuration within said second group.

Claim 12 (original): The pillow of claim 11 wherein said projections in each of said first and second groups are cylindrical projections.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The pillow of claim 1 wherein said main-body and projections are formed of a visco-elastic foam material having a density range of 2.0 to 3.0. pounds per cubic foot (pcf).

Claim 14 (original): The pillow of claim 13 wherein said projections of said first group and said projections of said second group are of a common general shape.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): A pillow, comprising:

a foam main-body,

a plurality of foam projections extending off of said foam main-body, said projections being in first and second groups which define different support characteristic zones, and wherein said pillow has a maximum height in a central region of said pillow, said pillow further comprising a third projection group spaced from said first and second groups of projections, wherein said first projection group includes laterally spaced apart longitudinally extending rows of projections, and said second group of projections include longitudinally extending rows of projections of larger size or volume than the projections in said first group, and longitudinally extending rows of said second projections being positioned to opposite outer lateral sides of said first group projections and wherein said third projection group comprises first and second extension ridges extending longitudinally and positioned to opposite lateral sides of said second group of projections, and The pillow of claim 16 wherein said first and second extension ridges are provided respectively, at the front and rear edges of said main-body and extend longitudinally from end to end at the front and rear of said pillow.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The pillow of claim 1, wherein said surface of said main-body has a convex curvature which defines the maximum height central region of said pillow.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The pillow of claim 18 wherein said convex curvature extends in a lateral direction fully between front and rear longitudinal edges of said pillow.

Claim 20 (original): The pillow of claim 19 wherein the projections of said first group include cylindrical projections, and the projections of said second group include cylindrical projections that are laterally external to said first group of projections and are of a larger radius than a cylindrical projection in said first group.

Claim 21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (currently amended): A pillow, comprising:

a main-body,

projections arranged in a plurality of rows of said projections extending off said main-body, and said projections including a first type of projection having a first support characteristic, a second type of projection having a second support characteristic and a third projection type, with said first, second and third projection types being arranged on said main-body to define first, second and third different support characteristic zones, and said first and second types of projections are isolated from one another within each respective zone so as to expose regions of the main body which surround respective projection base-to-main body contact edging, wherein said first and second projection types have compression force deflection (CFD) values of .35 to .55 lbs and .60 to .80 lbs to compress said projection types 50%, respectively, with a density

range of foam forming said first and second projection types of 2.0 to 3.0 pound per cubic foot (pcf) and wherein said first projection type is more centrally positioned than said second projection type , and wherein said third projection type includes a ridge extension extending along a forward or front longitudinal edge of said main-body past a plurality of projections in an adjacent row, and said ridge being uninterrupted over the longitudinal length of extension.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The pillow of claim 23 wherein said first type of projection includes laterally spaced apart longitudinally extending rows of projections and said second type of projections includes laterally spaced apart longitudinally extending rows of projections, and ~~wherein said third projection type includes a longitudinally extending ridge extension.~~

Claim 25 (original): The pillow of claim 24 wherein said third projection type further comprises a second longitudinally extending ridge extension.

Claim 26 (original): The pillow of claim 25 wherein said first, second and third projection types are arranged laterally in a sequence of first ridge extension, first longitudinal row of second type projection, pair of longitudinal rows of first type projections, second longitudinal row of second type projections and second ridge extension.

Claim 27 (original): The pillow of claim 23 whereas said pillow has a symmetric relationship with respect to projection types about a centrally located longitudinal cross-section line.

Claim 28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (original): The pillow of claim 23 wherein said first projection type includes

cylindrical projections and said second projection type includes cylindrical projections less centrally positioned than the projection of the first projection type, and wherein the projection of said first group are smaller in radius and greater in number per longitudinal row than the cylindrical projections of said second projection type.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A pillow comprising:

    a main-body of foam,  
    a first foam ridge extension extending along a front edge region of said main-body,  
    a first row of foam projections of a first projection type,  
    a central zone of foam projections of a second projection type, and said first row of foam projection of said first projection type being positioned laterally between said first foam ridge extension and said central zone of foam projections and wherein said projections and ridge extension are spaced apart and in an arrangement that provides for molding of a final configuration molded body, and wherein said ridge is uninterrupted and extends longitudinally across a plurality of projections.

Claim 32 (original): The pillow of claim 31 further comprising a second row of foam projections of the first projection type which is positioned to an opposite lateral side of said central zone as said first row of foam projections of said first projection type.

Claim 33 (original): The pillow of claim 32 further comprising a second foam ridge extension positioned laterally rearward of said second row of foam projections of said first projection type.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A foam pillow comprising:

    a main body having a longitudinal length and a lateral width and a convex upper surface;  
    [[and]] a plurality of projections extending up off said convex upper surface and arranged in

different support characteristic groupings, and wherein said projections are independent  
projections that are isolated from one another relative to an underlying and supporting exposed  
main body surface and thus free from contact with each other, and there is further provided a  
longitudinal ridge of extension positioned for neck contact.

Claim 35 (original): The pillow of claim 34 wherein said projections include a first group that is greater in number and smaller in projection volume relative to a second group that is less in number but greater in projection volume.

Claim 36 (original): The pillow of claim 35 wherein said projections in said first and second groups have essentially a common height and maximum width of the projections in said second group is greater than that of said first group.

Claim 37 (original): The pillow of claim 36 wherein said projections are cylindrical projections with the first group having a smaller radius than that of said second group.

Claim 38 (canceled):

Claim 39 (previously presented): The pillow of claim 23 wherein each of said first type of projection and said second type projection has a lateral direction width that is greater than a corresponding projection height.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The pillow of claim 23 wherein said pillow has a generally rectangular outline with laterally spaced forward and rearward long edging, and the exposed portion of the main body within the generally rectangular outline occupies about 10 to 30 % of the generally rectangular outline.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The pillow of claim 1 wherein the projections have a lateral direction width that is greater than a corresponding projection height.

Claim 42 (canceled)

Claim 43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (currently amended): A pillow, comprising:

    a foam main-body,  
    a plurality of foam projections extending off of said foam main-body, said projections being in first and second groups which define central and lateral support characteristic zones, wherein said central support characteristic zone includes said first group of projections which, in use, compress to ~~at least 75%~~ 100% of a maximum height of said first group of projections.

Claim 46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (canceled)

Claim 48 (previously presented): The pillow of claim 1 wherein said support characteristic zones include a central zone and lateral zone and said central zone is less firm in support than said lateral zones.